

AMENDMENT

Application #	09/700,185
Confirmation #	2588
Filing Date	12/18/2003
First Inventor	ARAKI
Art Unit	1745
Examiner	Ruthkosky, Mark
Docket #	P06971US00/BAS

Commissioner for Patents
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In response to the Office Action dated May 18, 2006:

A) please consider the responsive **Remarks** provided herewith in **Attachment A**; and

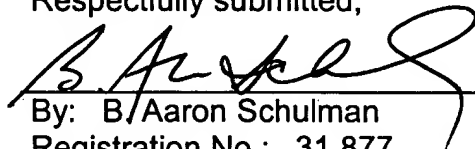
B) please amend the above identified application as follows:

- **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims provided herewith in **Attachment B**.

In view of the amendments made and the remarks provided, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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